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Applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to and including October 28, 2006 to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 28, 2006.

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Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$60.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our

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